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ANSWERS TO THE MEMORANDUM CALLED "QUESTIONS FOR [ ]"

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1. Yes.

2. An organization of political nature exists - with branches throughout the country. Its central committee operates and directs from the Capital of the Republic. The Committee of Anticommunist University Students (CEUA) with filiations in the Capital and other municipalities of the central capital department, branches off throughout the territory with sub-committees in the other departments and in the municipalities that make up such departments. To this organization, others belong, made up of market women, catholic laborers, anti-communist artesans and anticommunist youths. In each departmental capital or municipal capital, a directive council functions that depends on the central directive council. The number of persons that make up these sub-committees or filiates varies, according to the population and importance of each location. In the small towns the number varies from 50 to 200 persons and in the large from 500 to 3,000 persons and more. In addition, the Partido Union Anticomunista exists with filiates in the majority of cities and towns which are under our control. In the West the Partido Anticomunista functions with branches in the western zone which collaborates with us also. All the organizations total 272 committees and sub-committees. With these organizations we can develop the propaganda campaign in an effective manner.

In the Capital, capitals of all the departments and the greater part of the capitals of municipalities.

Yes.

Upon initiating the campaign we can use the independent and opposition newspapers paying, in some, like "El Imparcial" and "La Hora" and "Prensa Libre", for the newspapers space for our propaganda, in the others it is possible that we will not be charged. We have considered publishing a newspaper like the bulletin CEUAGE - edited in Honduras - at first as a weekly and then converted to a daily; this would always be less expensive and would have the advantage of being under our control. We should always use the columns of the other independent newspapers. We are in a position to count on the aid of newspaperman, Marroquin Rojas, who controls "La Hora" and "Impacto" and whose articles are read with great interest. The catholic newspapers "Verbum" and "Accion Social Cristiano" will cooperate with adequate contributions. The newspaper campaign could be put under the direction of Lic. Marroquin Rojas, Federico Hernandez de Leon, Gustavo Martinez Volasco, Carlos Gandara Duran, Lic. Carlos Rodriguez Cerna, Lic. Alejandro Arenales, Lic. Luis Beltranena Sinibaldi, and others and obtain the collaboration of all under one direction. We can also secure the effective aid of the newspapermen: Baltazar Morales and Lic. Alfredo Palmieri, who just organized a new enterprise which will publish "El Expectador". With

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economic resources we can secure the collaboration of all these persons who are the best known in the Republic.

Aside from the printed work which will be distributed through ordinary channels and strengthened by the collaboration of our men, we are counting on the organizations we have already mentioned, with sufficient personnel in order to have this propaganda reach all the sectors of the territory.

3. As to the personalities of the Army, we can designate these: Commander in Chief, Cor. Arbenz Guzman; Chief of the Armed Forces, Cor. Carlos Enrique Diaz; Minister of National Defense, Cor. Jose Angel Sanchez; Chief of Staff of the Army, Cor. de Leon Parinello; Chief of the Military Base of the Capital, Cor. Pablo Diaz; Chief of the Guard of Honor, Cor. Barzanallana; Chief of General Quarters, Cor. Gonzalez Sigui; Chief of the Civil Guard, Col. Rossemberg; Chief of the Presidential Staff, Cor. Getella; Director of the Politechnic School, Col. Paiz. To these should be added the second and third chiefs of each military organization and quarter, the first and second and third chiefs of the military zones of Zacapa, Quezaltenango, Jutiapa, Mazatenango, Coban and Quiche and the quarter Nestranza - "Matamoros" of the Capital. The names of the military members in the Army - some with command and others in auxiliary service which are our followers are only known to our military link, for his own security - but we can ask RUFUS to call this military man to Honduras and proposition him. In different military zones there are oficiales who have promised to revolt when strong air action over the quarters in the Capital begin.
4. In the placing of large propaganda like posters, and murals, the danger consists in that the men in charge of posting them have to expose themselves and the police can capture them easily, losing these elements and bringing on the possibility that during investigation proceedings used by the Communists they are forced to disclose not only their collaborators but innocent people in which the government has has suspicion. Small propaganda such as cards, stamps, buttons, necklaces, etc can be prepared and distributed with less show. Nevertheless, the large posters can be prepared to be posted at zero hour on D day in the places in which our organizations operate.

The propaganda which I have called small is easily distributed since in addition to the organizations I have mentioned which are sufficient to do it, we can count on the collaboration of the Asociacion General de Agricultores which includes 30 regions in different zones in the country. This Asociacion is made up of owners of farms, numbering more than 800 who can distribute them in their work regions. The catholic organizations of men and women collaborate with us and their work in the propaganda action will be of great value. Create, start and spread rumors, write "chain letters" to their friends, known and unknown, anonymous letters, telephone calls, etc. These rumors will be transmitted to catholic organizations of the Departments who will take care of propagating them.

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Instructions will be prepared, after which the result of each means of propaganda used will be reported and these reports will be controlled by means of other persons - foreign to the work. The copies indicated will be sent here.

5. The idea seems excellent. Preparing the evidence is very difficult for obvious reasons. We have a well placed person with this mission, but up to now he has not been able to photograph documents. Our idea has been that at the moment of action responsible persons act upon raiding the archives of the communists, which will be of great value to disclose their international plot. Their importance for a greater justification of our movement - with evidence of infiltration and plans developed for other countries - is indisputable. I consider that we have men who, well directed under preconceived plans and with elements to aid them, we can collaborate effectively.
6. In our Friday conference I gave me ideas on this subject. I can elaborate or complete these, however.
7. In the same conference I gave my opinion and we determined the quantity. If it is necessary we can re-treat this subject- to broaden it or extend it to other means of propaganda.
8. In what is practicable I will cooperate in this campaign - which should be well directed and well coordinated - in harmony with the plans of military action. We have to prepare this campaign in all its details, but with flexibility and select those elements organizing them toward this end. We have people qualified for the direction and the person who assumes this directorship will be in contact with RUFUS (general quarters) who in turn will be in contact with the group to receive advice, help, discuss ideas, plans in developmental stage and who will inform of the known results.
9. In our conference Friday I exposed my thoughts on this question. I should add that the first patriotic songs with music and words have been prepared but not edited - these have a popular nature- in which the sad situation of the country under the claws of Moscow is lamented but the spirit of the people is raised. Songs of exaltation, of optimism and hope; martial songs, etc. should be recorded on discs for our transmission by radio for which we need the necessary equipment and material. With this equipment records with adequate propaganda for the radio programs, in the country and in Salvador and Honduras, can be made.

The "chains" of propaganda to which I referred consists of writing an anonymous letter to a determined number of people (25, 50, or 100). In it a religious, political or social theme will be developed, almost always, a religious theme: an oration, for example. In our case, it can be combined. In the letter, the recipient is asked, if possible, on the same date, to make 10 copies of the letter and to send them to 10 others with the same request. In this manner, each example will multiply to a fantastic number.

The means of diffusion designated and the form of using it seems

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very adequate to me, broadening or increasing them with the ones which I have taken the liberty to propose.

10. The cameras can be acquired in Guatemala, but it would be convenient to obtain at least two recording machines of the same type and model to check our transmissions by radio from Honduras to Guatemala and vice versa and to record speeches, news, conferences, meetings, etc. exchanging the recordings in order to check the reception and to conserve the commentaries and evidence, the news, conferences, discussions, etc.

Also, two mimeograph machines and two multigraph machines would be of great usefulness to us to make and reproduce propaganda. This equipment would be especially useful if the government - before we develop our work - should control the press - as they will. The sale and importation of this equipment are controlled, but we have a clandestine means and secure places to keep it.

11. The propaganda campaign should follow a progressive plan in harmony with the military plans. It is indisputable that the government and the communists will be on the alert trying to investigate the purposes that are being followed. To confuse them in our work is important. The government and the Communists have a concept that only by means of powerful armed action can they be overpowered. With the army, the police and with their popular armed forces, they consider themselves secure in their power. The economic pressure has not been considered as an arm for attack as they feel sure that this form of attack will never be produced. The work of diverting and distracting - directed toward making them think that the battle is limited, as has been the case up to now - to civil action, would be of great importance, since they have always come up victoriously through the use of force. If they are made to believe that the work of this propaganda is directed only toward a civic struggle they will feel confident.

Means that can be used: a) A program of conferences (social-Christian) dictated from the Catholic temples which can be distributed throughout all the Republic; b) Prepare manifestations or marches and not follow through with them; c) Celebration of masses in various churches for the eternal repose of those who have given their lives in the struggle against Communism; d) Prepare strikes in commerce and industry and have them fail through or not succeed; e) Initiate work for the formation of a strong opposition party and then not organize it; f) By means of a committee of women develop a week's program for aid to the unemployed, distributing lunches during these seven days (for this, a registration will be opened and control cards will be distributed); g) Have a picnic for poor children, celebrating the 20th of October, anniversary of the Revolution, serving candy and icecream, in a site near the capital and buy them cheap

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toys, etc.

12. The equipment to which I have already referred: mimeographs, multigraphs, recorders, (of records and tape type) - and economic means for the acquisition of other needs in the Capital. There is some equipment for radio but it has not been installed for security reasons. At first certain radio stations can be used and then when the time is opportune, we can operate clandestine stations.
  13. In our conference Friday I expressed my ideas. We can review them to broaden and improve them.
  14. We count on some who can collaborate, remunerating their work, as they are poor, but their collaboration will be valuable.
  15. As the organizations of workers, both city and rural, are directed by communists, we have avoided attracting the leaders of these organizations to our ranks. We have considered that in order to become a director or leader in a syndicate or a farm union in our country it requires the approval of the central directive which controls all the labor organizations and this group only approves persons identified with the laborer-farmer movement of the Reds. But within these distinct syndicates and unions there are a considerable number of dissatisfied and these always follow a leader who has great influence over them. It is these leaders whom we control and manage. In the IRCA an organized "white" syndicate exists; the leaders of this syndicate are with us. In Tiquisate and Bananera, there are discontented workers in a considerable number and these are in our organizations - the same happens in many other syndicates. We do not have any contact with Morales CUBAS as we do not have any faith in him, on the contrary, he is dangerous. But we do have workers of the IRCA who are with us; these workers have offered their effective collaboration shipping crews of people of confidence to the zones that interest us for example: Puerto Barrios, Zacapa, etc. In Tiquisate there exists a strong organization sufficient in number to immobilize the workers inclined toward communism.
- Now in regard to the anticommunist organizations of catholic workers, all figure in our ranks. The most important of them are in the Capital. Among the port workers of Puerto Barrios we have sufficient groups to neutralize the action of the sindicalists.
16. They can be prepared but knowing beforehand that they will fail.
  17. Yes.
  18. Direct contact with the organizations referred to in CEUAGE exists. We can ask for photostatic copies of the notes of these organizations.
  19. I do not have information of this point but we are writing to our friends to give us the desired information.

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